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National Operations Update

As of 7:45 a.m., 13 Feb 2022

Emergency Preparedness Secretariat

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MAIN POINTS

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- Updated: Summary of Canada Unity Convoy 2022 demonstrations

CURRENT OPERATIONS/ISSUES:

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	Other Support – NON RFA Veterans Affairs Canada has identified 15 VAC volunteer nurses who are on interchange to support vaccination clinics	
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Potential New RFAs being considered

Jurisdiction	RFA	Status

CANADA UNITY CONVOY 2022 –DEMONSTRATION

Current RFAs:

Jurisdiction	RFA	Status
Alberta	Support (Convoy) – For provision of equipment and personnel to move approximately 70 semi-tractor trailers and approximately 75 personal and recreational vehicles.	Letter to Min PS and Min EP. received on 5 Feb
Ontario	Support (Convoy) – For additional 1800 officers to support the ongoing protest in downtown Ottawa: 1000 regular officers, 600 public order officers, 100 investigative officers, 100 civilian staff – including cyber investigative capacity, digital and social media forensics and financial forensics.	Letter from Mayor, Ottawa to Min PS and Min EP received on 7 Feb.
Ontario	Support (Convoy) – For provision of support in the form of personnel (100 officers) and equipment (marked police cars and tow trucks) to deal with the protest at the Ambassador Bridge.	Letter from Mayor, Windsor, to Min Blair received 9 Feb.

Impacts:

- The demonstrations continued in Ottawa on 12 Feb, **with an estimated 3,000 protesters converging the downtown core at its peak yesterday:**
 - On 12 Feb, Ottawa Police established an Integrated Command Centre to enhance the ability to respond to the ongoing situation.
 - On 12 Feb, protesters torn down a fence around the National War Memorial, which has been erected to protect it from further desecration.
 - On 11 Feb, the Premier of Ontario declared a State of Emergency.
 - On 6 Feb, the City of Ottawa declared a State of Local Emergency.
 - On 7 Feb, an Ottawa judge granted a 10-day injunction that would prevent protesters from honking their horn.

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- On 11 Feb, City of Ottawa asked the Ontario Superior Court for an injunction against people who continue to violate city bylaws, effective at 7pm (i.e., against noise, idling, fireworks, open air fires, encroachments on highways and illegal use of parks and city facilities).
- A high police presence remains on site. Ottawa Police Service hotline has been set up to report crimes; to date Police have made 26 arrests, issued 2,600 tickets and initiated 140 criminal investigations. 911 lines have been flood intentionally by protesters and supporters.
- A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa – extended to 28 Feb.
- Other protests were held / are being planned across Canada, in solidary with those in Ottawa:
 - ONTARIO
 - Toronto:
 - In response to social media posts suggesting possible demonstrations, Toronto Police Service have closed streets around Queen’s Park.
 - NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions until 13 Feb.
 - Fort Erie (POE):
 - On 12 Feb, protest vehicles blocked along Niagara Parkway and underneath the Peace Bridge, which remains open, with minimal delays.
 - Sarnia (POE):
 - On 12 Feb, the Blue Water Crossing remained open; heavy commercial traffic continues, but with a 35 min hours wait time (Canada-bound).
 - Windsor (POE):
 - Demonstrations continued; on 12 Feb, OPP has taken back most of the blockaded area and continues to push the line of protesters away from the Ambassador Bridge; the POE remains temporarily closed.
 - Cornwall (POE)
 - Demonstration and blockade of approx. 150 people and 75 vehicles; border crossing is not impacted.
 - QUEBEC
 - Montreal:
 - Approx. 4000 protesters demonstrated at Jarry Park on 12 Feb; event remained peaceful.
 - MANITOBA
 - Winnipeg:
 - Small number of demonstrators at the MB Legislative Building on 12 Feb; the event remained peaceful.
 - Emerson, MB (POE)
 - On 12 Feb, RCMP reported a blockade at the border due to a demonstration involving a large number of vehicles and farm equipment; RCMP are working with protesters to reach a peaceful resolution.
 - No arrests have been made, no tickers have been issued.
 - SASKATCHEWAN
 - Regway (POE)
 - First border protest is expected on 12 Feb afternoon.
 - ALBERTA

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- Coutts, AB (POE):
 - North and Southbound lanes remained closed on 12 Feb; **all services remain temporarily closed.**
 - NOTAM in effect for airspace restrictions has been extended to 16 Feb.
- BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - Surrey, BC (POE):
 - On 12 Feb, a demonstration, approx. 150-200 people, continued near Pacific Highway POE; no impacts to CBSA operations; RCMP has set up checkpoints to control access to and from the POE.
 - On 12 Feb, 2pm local, several commercial trucks and a military vehicle broke through an RCMP barricade; RCMP described the situation as a “hostile mob”.
- NOVA SCOTIA
 - Halifax
 - On 12 Feb, Halifax Police erected barricades to prevent convoy access to port facilities; CCG assess risk as low for protests on the water and disruptions to marine traffic and port activities.
- NEW BRUNSWICK
 - Fredericton
 - On 12 Feb, demonstration at the NB legislature, estimated 150 to 200 protesters; enforcement activities are successful in mitigating gridlock.
- NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
 - NWT Government reports rumours of a potential blockage at the border; cooperating with RCMP and in communication with Province of AB.
- As of 8 Feb, Convoy organizers have raised more than \$8.2 US on a Christian fundraising service, GiveSendGo. Supporters are also turning to cryptocurrency websites to raise money;
 - On 10 Feb, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice froze access of funds raised through fundraising platforms.
 - **Crowdfunding sites are not a regulated business sector under the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (PCMLTFA). FINTRAC reports no spike in suspicious transactions.**
 - **TD Bank froze two personal accounts on 12 Feb; these accounts had had \$1.4M funds deposited.**

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